

City Council that it advertise for demolition bids for the parcels scheduled for demolition by April 1, 1967.

Motion carried unanimously.

The Washington Grill made a proposal for redevelopment for Parcel 13 in October, 1966. The proposal did not meet bidding specifications and could not be accepted. The proposal was retained for further negotiation on an alternate site along with the deposit. Mr. Eschbach stated that he told Mr. Pogoncheff of the Washington Grill last week that we would return their deposit although they could still be considered for redevelopment in the Project.

It was moved by Rosa and supported by Russell that the Board return the deposit made by the Washington Grill for their redevelopment proposal made for Parcel 13.

Motion carried unanimously.

A discussion was held concerning the status of redevelopment proposals within the Project. Mr. Eschbach reported that he and the Redevelopment Director had met earlier in the week with Tom Sinas, James Stajos, Alex Vanis, and Sam LaMacchia concerning their proposed redevelopment in the 200 block of North Washington Avenue of the Eagle Restaurant, Heath's Jewelry, and Mac's Cigar Store. It was pointed out to them that with the acquisition of Bazley's Market and Heath's Jewelry present location, the land would be available for redevelopment. The Board plans to meet during the coming month to determine what recommendations for redevelopment can be made.

Meeting adjourned at 10:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

URBAN REDEVELOPMENT
BOARD,

WINSTON E. FOLKERS,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, January 12, 1967

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lundberg at 4:19 p.m.

Prayer was offered by Rabbi Philip Frankel.

ROLL CALL

Present: Davenport, Delapaz, Frankel, Gannon, Kelley, Lundberg, Faiver—7.

Absent: Darling, Dunning, Haruska, Lett, Cutler—5.

The minutes of the December 8, 1966 meeting were read and approved as printed.

PETITIONS

There were five (5) informal complaints for the month of December, 1966.

1—Complainant requested that the Director talk to his (the complainants) landlord regarding painting and fixing the lighting fixtures.

1—Complaint of a woman who was run out of her home by her husband.

1—Complaint regarding a persons dog being threatened.

1—Complaint from an individual who was harassed and insulted by a local store owner in regards to parking of their vehicle.

1—Complaint on the action of a police officer in the process of investigating an accident. (Action now in the Courts).

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from the Civil Rights Commission announcing open competitive examinations for representatives.
2. Letter from Committee member Rev. Dwight Large tendering his resignation.
3. Letter from Niagra Falls Human Relations Commission presenting proposals for their budget and program for 1967.

4. Letter from Civil Rights Commission outlining the conference of Municipal Officials "Civil Rights and Local Government." The conference will be held January 16, 1967 at the Inn America Motel.
5. Letter from Marcel Elliott, relocation officer, in regards to relocation problems.
6. Letter from the Lansing Public Library in regards to the children's books which were donated to them by the Lansing Human Relations Committee.
7. Letter from the University of Dayton in regards to summer institute for teachers from inner-city high schools serving racially mixed school populations.
8. Chairman Lundberg read a letter received from Mr. Don Holtrop of the Civil Rights Commission regarding the employment questionnaires which will be sent to various local businesses soon. The letter was referred to the employment sub-committee.

REPORTS

Director's Report

The Director's report was read and placed on file. The Director told the committee about the Human Relations Banquet which will be held at the Trinity A.M.E. Church on Saturday, February 4, 1967. Also the Annual Brotherhood program will be held at the Kellogg Center at 6:30 p.m. on February 23, 1967. The Annual Human Relations Award will be presented at this program. Chairman Lundberg made a motion the Human Relations Committee will co-sponsor the Brotherhood program. Seconded by Rev. Faiver.

Employment Sub-Committee

A discussion was held on the equal employment practices in the City of Lansing. The employment questionnaires are now in the process of being mailed out.

Housing Sub-Committee

Rev. Faiver reported that the Highway Department has opened some of the houses in the I-496 Highway East Corridor so that displaced families may be placed in them. The houses were turned over to Mr. Marcel

Elliott, Relocation Officer.

Chairman Lundberg reported that a cross-communication meeting had been held on January 4, 1967, which seemed to be successful.

Education and Recreation Sub-Committee

The need for additional recreational facilities and centers was again discussed by

the committee. Mr. Hayden, Director of Parks entered the meeting and asked the Human Relations Committee to meet with the Parks and Recreation Board to discuss recreation facilities and centers. A meeting is scheduled for 1:30 p.m. on Friday, January 13, 1967.

Rabbi Frankel again suggested that the committee study the 13 recommendations which were submitted to the Human Relations Committee in July of 1964, and see how many have been met.

A suggestion was made by Mr. Gannon that the committee get human relations stories in connection with the centers published in the newspapers to stress the need for more centers.

The Bond Proposal for additional recreation centers was also discussed. Mrs. Davenport explained about an editorial which had been published earlier in the local newspaper which outlined the proposal. Mr. Gannon recommended that copies of the editorial be made and then delivered door to door in the community to bring the need for recreational facilities to the attention of the citizens.

It was also voted on and approved unanimously by the committee that the Human Relations Committee go on record as being in support of the Board Proposal.

Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee

No report.

Unfinished Business

None.

New Business

A motion was made by Rev. Faiver that steps be taken to expand the Human Relations Committee to 18 members. Seconded by Rabbi Frankel. Chairman Lundberg suggested that the Council Sub-Committee on Ordinance Amendment be contacted.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JAM THOMPSON,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, February 16, 1967

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lundberg at 4:25 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Davenport, Faiver, Lundberg—3.

Absent: Delapaz, Darling, Dunnings, Cutler, Frankel, Gannon, Lett, Haruska, Kelley—9.

Visitors: Mr. Ben Canaday and Mr. Ray Sandborn from Cristo Rey Community Center.

Due to the lack of a quorum a motion was not made to approve the minutes of the January 12, 1967 meeting.

PETITIONS

There were four (4) informal complaints for the month of January, 1967.

1. Family reporting the bulldozing of fences and bushes on their rental property by highway personnel.
2. Call by Lansing Police and local ministers to assist in counseling an elderly family for relocation. (Found living in a house without heat).
3. A youth requesting assistance in locating and talking to man who ran him down.
4. Complaint by driver of vehicle who claims youth attached his car after boxing show.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from Personnel Director of the City of Lansing in regards to recruiting qualified minority group members for the Lansing Police Department.
2. Letter from Lansing Council of Parent-Teachers Association and the State Journal inviting the committee to a conference on fiscal reform.

3. Letter from Rev. Andrew Gill extending his thanks to the committee for relocation assistance.

REPORTS

Director's Report

The Director's report was read, approved and placed on file.

Employment Sub-Committee

Due to the absence of Mr. Lett and Mr. Kelley, the employment report was given by the Director. The employment questionnaires have all been mailed out to the various local businesses and at this time nine (9) have been completed and returned.

Housing Sub-Committee

Rev. Faiver submitted to the committee a list of questions for discussion. They are as follows:

1. Why is the City of Lansing asking for money through approval of a Bond Issue for storm sewers and drain extensions, chiefly in areas for expensive subdivisions, when 50% Federal Matching grant or 100% Federal financing is available for such projects through the Community Facilities Administration? (CF. Housing and Urban Development Act of 1965, also Public Facility Loans Fact sheet GPO 887-228). Is it in any way because Federal requirements on such subdivision would preclude restrictions that are discriminatory?
2. What has happened to the two previous resolutions by the Human Relations Committee to the City Council that monies for Sewers and Drains be withheld from developers who follow discriminatory practices?
3. If the City is able to make the kind of expenditures it proposes in these Bond Issues, as well as the River Walk Beautification project to be financed through general revenue, does it not have the ability to make some expenditure in the direction of low cost housing? It could

perhaps purchase land or donate land already owned for this purpose. It might offer a tax abatement to permit lower rentals in public housing or 221d3 projects.

4. Has the City of Lansing requested that any State owned or Federally owned lands within the City be made available for low cost housing projects, so that sufficient land would be immediately available for completion of at least 1000 units?
5. Why has there been no referral to the Human Relations Commission from the City Relocation Office for investigation of landlords who have refused to lease their houses to the City under the leasing program on grounds that the houses might be rented to Negro or Spanish-American families?
6. Why does the City not immediately declare those areas of the City where 20% or more of the houses are substandard as conservation areas, so that Federal Rehabilitation monies can be obtained?
7. Why has the City Council not yet introduced a Fair Housing Ordinance for the City of Lansing?
8. Why does not the City of Lansing declare it to be the policy of the City to bring slum landlords into court and fix penalties for continued violation of the Housing Codes? Further the City has not yet invoked the State law of 1965 permitting it to rehabilitate a substandard home and charge the cost to the landlord when the owner has been found guilty of not bringing the home up to the building standards.

We ought to expect a public answer and a commitment on the part of City Officials on these points before the vote on the Bond Issue. Up until the present time requests for action in these various areas have met with little enthusiasm on the part of the City.

Mr. Ben Canaday, a visitor, gave the report that no additional Highway houses have been opened for displaced families since the 5 or 6 reported open at the previous meeting.

A discussion on open housing brought about a suggestion from Chairman Lundberg that the Director obtain copies of other open housing proposals from various cities such as—Ann Arbor, Jackson, Flint, and Saginaw, so that the committee may compare methods of steps being taken to promote open housing.

The Director and Rev. Faiver agreed that a resolution on open housing in Lansing should be drafted for release in the Spring.

Chairman Lundberg requested that the Housing sub-committee have another meeting before the next regularly scheduled committee meeting.

It was also suggested by Rev. Faiver that the committee ask Mr. Marcel Elliott, Relocation Officer, and Mr. Bill Mateer, Housing Director, to document refusals for the City's rent-lease program.

EDUCATION AND RECREATION SUB-COMMITTEE

Mrs. Davenport submitted her report on the meeting which was held with the Parks and Recreation Board on January 13, 1967 and also a list of suggested ideas for summer recreation which are as follows:

1. A junior olympic modeled after the one in Flint with basketball, track, wrestling, tennis, judo, swimming expanded to include fine arts where artists would compete.
2. Sponsor a series of city-wide talent shows.
3. Provide for the children the opportunity to learn judo, bowling, and golf.
4. Have playgrounds open up early in the morning and stay open until 9:00 p.m.
5. Ping-pong and portable pool tables. Unemployment will be higher this year so a workable program is needed.
6. Culture trips out of town to nearby cities for the youth if this could be arranged.
7. Form boys clubs with \$1.00 membership dues if a building could be found for basketball, pool, etc. By paying dues and getting a membership card this gives them a real sense of belonging.

Recreational centers were again discussed. Chairman Lundberg wondered if there is a possibility of getting the clergy in the Lansing area together in sort of an ecumenical council to exchange ideas on recreation.

RESEARCH AND PUBLIC RELATIONS SUB-COMMITTEE

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Lundberg reported that he and the Director had met with the Mayor's Committee to examine the Human Relations Committee 1967-68 budget request.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JAN THOMPSON,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, April 13, 1967

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lundberg at 4:11 p.m.

Prayer was offered by Chairman Lundberg.

ROLL CALL

Present: Cutler, Darling, Davenport, Dunnings, Faiver, Gannon, Haruska, Kelley, Lett, Lundberg—10.

Absent: Delapaz, Frankel—2.

Visitor: Mr. Don Holtrop of the Michigan Civil Rights Commission.

The minutes of the March 9, 1967 meeting were read and approved as printed.

PETITIONS:

There were nine (9) petitions for the month of March, 1967—8 written complaints and 6 informal complaints.

Written Complaints—

2—Complaints of discriminatory practice in selling real estate. The Director read the letter of compliance from the real estate salesman in regards to one of the complaints. The other complaint is still under investigation.

1—Discrimination by the State of Michigan Civil Service in regards to sex.

Informal Complaints—

1—Request for help in reinstating a person in barber school.

1—Several complaints on the radio editorial of February 28, 1967.

2—Complaints from families who were being evicted from their homes because the landlord wanted to raise the rent.

2—Complaints of discrimination in employment. Concerning one of the complaints, Chairman Lundberg explained the talk he had with the Personnel Director regarding the types of tests given, etc.

COMMUNICATIONS:

1. Letter received from M.S.U. in regards to a state-wide program for Young Audiences Inc., to be held April 7, 1967 at Michigan State University.

2. Received an invitation to the Committee to attend the Twentieth International Ball in Detroit, Michigan.

3. Letter received from the Community Service Volunteer Bureau requesting agencies to refer names of volunteer workers.

4. Letter received from the Anchorage Alaska Human Relations Commission thanking the committee for materials sent to them.

REPORTS:

Director's Report—

The Director's report was read, approved and placed on file.

The Director gave a follow-up report on a complaint of discrimination in employment.

Employment Sub-Committee—

A lengthy discussion was held by the committee regarding a complaint of discrimination in employment. Further examination and investigation will be conducted by the committee.

Discussion was also held on City employment hiring practices.

Housing Sub-Committee—

Mr. Dunnings reported that he and Rabbi Frankel and Rev. Faiver had met and drafted an Open Housing Ordinance for the City of Lansing. Copies of the ordinance were distributed to the committee. Mr. Dunnings made a motion to approve the ordinance. Motion was seconded by Mr. Haruska.

Education and Recreation Sub-Committee—

Mrs. Davenport distributed to the committee copies of a May news release of the Stay-In-School Campaign (S.I.S.) which is a new community action project to encourage minority group youth to—1.) Stay in school and —2.) Get the most (in terms of guidance and education) from that experience.

Mr. Gannon stated that he would make a recommendation to the Board of Trustees of the Lansing Community College that funds be made available in the form of scholarships for the Police and Fire programs. A motion was made by Mr. Dunning to have the committee support Mr. Gannon's recommendation to Lansing Community College. Motion seconded by Rev. Faiver.

Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee—

It was reported that the committee had met to discuss radio editorial of February

28, 1967. Mr. Dunning made a motion to send a letter to the radio station and a copy of the letter to the newscaster expressing the Human Relations Committees' feelings about the choice of words used in the editorials. Motion was seconded by Mrs. Davenport.

Unfinished Business—

None.

New Business—

None.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:16 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JAN THOMPSON,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF BOARD OF PUBLIC SERVICE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, May 3, 1967

Meeting called to order by Chairman Tietz at 7:30 P.M.

Present: Mrs. Borgman, Messrs. Faggion, Hack, Mosher, Russell, Tietz, Zapata—7.

Absent: Mr. Guyselman—1.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as printed.

GENERAL BUSINESS

Referral from the City Council of the plat of Orchardvale Subd.

Motion by Mrs. Borgman supported by Mr. Faggion that the Board recommend that the plat be approved subject to the receipt of financial security for sidewalks and monuments.

Carried.

Referral from the City Council of a petition of the Boron Oil Company to extend city sewers to serve their premises.

Motion by Mr. Mosher supported by Mr. Zapata that the Board recommend that the petition be approved with the understanding that the sewer would be built when an outlet is available.

Carried.

Referral from the City Council of the plat of Sunset Hills No. 6.

Motion by Mr. Russell supported by Mr. Hack that the Board recommend that the plat be approved subject to the receipt of the necessary financial security for monuments.

Carried.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, June 8, 1967

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lundberg at 4:10 p.m.

Prayer was offered by Rev. Kenneth Faiver.

ROLL CALL

Present: Cutler, Davenport, Delapaz, Dunning, Faiver, Kelley, Lett, Lundberg—8.

Absent: Darling, Frankel, Gannon, Haruska—4.

The minutes of the May 11, 1967 meeting were approved as printed.

There were three (3) informal petitions for the month of May-June, 1967.

1—An apartment owner complained of tenants tearing up her property. Due to the fact that it is private property, Mr. Dunning requested that the Director contact the party and suggest that she consult her attorney.

1—Request from a citizen that a house be examined by inspectors because of its run down condition, insects, rodents, etc.

1—Aid requested by a family who had received an eviction notice from an attorney.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from the Grace Luthern Church thanking the Director for a talk at the Mens' Sweethearts' Dinner.
2. Letter from the American Jewish Committee on the subject of Mass Media and Race Tensions.
3. Letter received from the M.S.U. Office of Human Relations, Institute for Community Development extending an invitation to the committee to attend a local conference on Human Relations at the Kellogg Center on June 3, 1967.

4. A letter was received from Mr. Johnnie Johns from Joe Joseph's Pro Bowl, offering once again to teach youth how to bowl this summer, and also to conduct teen-age dances in his parking lot or club. Mr. Lundberg requested that a copy of this letter be sent to Mr. Herbert Kennedy.

5. Letter received from the Civil Rights Commission on the subject, "The Summer Ahead."

6. Received a letter from the City of Los Angeles, California Human Relations Bureau requesting copies of any current Human Relations programs in terms of bulletins, brochures, fact sheets, or any other related data.

REPORTS

Director's Report

Chairman Lundberg and the Director gave an up-to-date report on "Operation Cool" and a discussion followed among the committee.

The Director reported that the meetings which have been held with concerned parents in the West side community have proven very effective.

In addition, the Director reported that he had met with two gentlemen from out of town, (one from Cleveland, Ohio and one from Washington, D.C.) to discuss the possibility of conducting a "Job Fair" in Lansing. The purpose of a "Job Fair" is to bring more employers and potential employees together with a concerted hiring effort.

The Director reported on the invitation to participate in the 19th Annual Conference of Commissions for Human Rights to be held in Toronto, Ontario July 4-8, 1967. The committee authorized the Director to attend this conference.

The Committee read and approved the Director's report for the period of May-June.

Employment Sub-Committee

Mr. Lett reported that once again the committee had met to discuss the selection of an Assistant Human Relations Director. It was announced that the recommendation of the committee was to have Mr. Roger E. Quinn fill this position. The committee voted on and unanimously approved the recommendation.

Housing Sub-Committee

Rev. Faiver reported that the new Logan Street reconstruction project was approved by the City Council. The concern of the committee is the families that will be displaced by this project. It will involve the displacement of 74 families and 19 businesses.

Discussion was held on the three housing petitions.

Education and Recreation Sub-Committee

Mrs. Davenport submitted and read two written reports which included ideas for curbing local rioting and suggestions for recreation and entertainment. One suggestion is to hold a local talent show. Mrs. Davenport said she had talked with Mr. Hayden of the Parks and Recreation Department and he said that with community support the Parks and Recreation Department would sponsor the talent show.

Also, Mrs. Davenport made a motion that the Human Relations Committee contact the Board of Education and see if they would consider offering a course in Human Relations as an elective school subject. Seconded by Mr. Dunnings.

Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Chairman Lundberg read a letter from Mr. Eugene Wanger, City Attorney, giving his opinion as per request by the Committee in regards to the question of an additional hearing of Senator Basil Browns' offering more testimony and evidence in the case of Theodore J. M. Davenport, Jr.

The opinion left a further hearing up to the discretion of the Committee. The Director was ordered to draft a letter to Senator Brown stating that the Committee would entertain a new hearing with Theodore J. M. Davenport, Jr. and Council, if the Committee could be provided with the information as to what the witnesses would testify to and items of new evidence which would give cause for re-opening this hearing.

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Lundberg announced that this would be the last meeting which Mr. Gerald Lett would be attending due to the expiration of his term in office. Mr. Lundberg also expressed the regret of the Committee in losing Mr. Lett as a member.

Meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JAN THOMPSON,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE BOARD OF APPEALS OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, August 10, 1967

Present: Gaus, Houck, Keep, Wendrow
—4.

Absent: Jones, Kelly, McComb, Rendon
—4.

Due to the lack of enough Board members to constitute a quorum, Mr. Keep entertained a motion to adjourn.

Motion by Gaus, seconded by Wendrow that the meeting be adjourned and the

appeals held over until September 14, 1967.

Motion carried unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 8:01 P.M.

RAYMOND C. GUERNSEY,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, August 10, 1967

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lundberg at 4:08 p.m.

Prayer was offered by Chairman Lundberg.

ROLL CALL

Present: Cutler, Davenport, Faiver, Ford, Haruska, Kelley, Lundberg—7.

Absent: Darling, Delapaz, Dunnings, Frankel, Gannon—5.

Visitor: Mr Robert Hollingsworth, a local real estate broker.

The minutes of the June 8 1967 meeting were read and approved as printed. Due to the absence of several committee members, the July meeting was canceled at the request of Chairman Lundberg.

There were 8 petitions for the months of June, July, and August, 1967; 5 of which were informal and 3 written petitions.

WRITTEN COMPLAINTS

1—Complaint of police brutality.

2—Complaints of discriminatory eviction.

The latter complaint received was retracted before an investigation could be made.

INFORMAL COMPLAINTS

1—A request for aid was made by a family who had ben refused financial assistance by local services.

1—A citizen requested assistance in behalf of his wife in regard to an application she filed for employment.

1—A woman requested assistance in locating her father.

1—A request for assistance was made by a citizen in regard to an impending

court action in which he was the defendant.

- 1—A citizen requested assistance in dealing with an unwelcome guest in his home.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter received from Holy Cross School on behalf of the assistance of Mr. Joe Franklin, a detached worker, during the Summer Bible School classes.
2. Brochure from the City of Saginaw on Annual Report for 1965-66.
3. A letter was received from the Mid-Michigan Police Academy thanking the Director for his participation in the Training program.
4. Letter received from Pattengill Junior High School to the Director thanking him for his participation at their Social Science Class.

REPORTS

Director's Report

The Director reported on the 19th Annual Conference of Commissions for Human Rights which he attended in Toronto, Ontario, July 4-8, 1967.

The Director's report was read and approved by the committee. Mr. Haruska made a statement that in the future he felt the Director's report would not have to state the times of day, etc. that each event took place. An overall monthly report on highlights would prove sufficient.

The new Assistant Director, Mr. Roger Quinn read his report to the committee also.

The Director reported on his participation on the State Civil Service Examining Board in which applicants for State Police are interviewed. Discussion was held on the issue of whether it was necessary for the Director to take time off to participate on the State Civil Service Examining Board. It was felt that this time contributed would be in part a public duty.

Employment Sub-Committee

No report.

Housing Sub-Committee

No report.

Education and Recreation Sub-Committee

Mrs. Davenport reported that she had met with some members of the Lansing Board of Education to discuss After School Study Centers which would have volunteer tutors. She also discussed with them the up-dating of text books.

It was questioned whether the Board of Education had been contacted to see if it would be possible to offer a course in Human Relations in the Public Schools. One other written report was submitted by Mrs. Davenport pertaining to the lack of education of some parents which therefore affects their children.

At this time Mrs. Davenport attempted to explain her participation in a news media announcement using defamatory language and accusing the Director of withholding information from the committee. The Directors' character was openly defended by other members of the committee. The tapes of a previous hearing were played to rule out the charge of any information having been withheld from the committee by the Director.

Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

In regards to the case of ex-fireman Theodore J. M. Davenport, Jr., it was questioned whether a letter had been sent to his attorney, Senator Basil W. Brown.

It had been requested at the June, 1967 meeting that the letter be sent to Senator Brown stating that the committee would entertain a new hearing on this case, and also asked him what the witnesses would testify to and what new evidence would give cause for re-opening the hearing. It was reported by the Director that a letter had been sent on June 13, 1967 but a reply had not been received as yet. Rev. Falver requested that another letter be sent to Mr. Brown and that it be sent registered, return, receipt.

NEW BUSINESS

Election of officers was held for the 1967-68 term. A motion was made by Mr. Haruska that the present officers retain their offices for another year, those being; Mr. Hugo B. Lundberg, Chairman, and Rev. Kenneth L. Faiver, Vice-Chairman.

This was approved unanimously by the committee.

Meeting was adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
JAN THOMPSON,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS BOARD OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, September 14, 1967

Meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman Kenneth L. Faiver at 4:12 p.m.

Prayer was offered by Rabbi Philip Frankel.

ROLL CALL

Present: Davenport, Delapaz, Dunnings, Faiver, Frankel, Gannon, Kelley—7.

Absent: Cutler, Haruska, Lundberg, Ford—4.

At the beginning of the meeting, due to the lack of a quorum, it was requested by Faiver that the approval of the minutes for the August 10, 1967 meeting and the minutes of the special meeting held on August 30, 1967 be waived until the October, 1967 meeting. Seconded by Frankel and unanimously approved by those members of the committee present.

PETITIONS

There were five (5) petitions for the month of August, 1967—3 of which were written and 2 informal.

Written Complaints

- 1—Complaint on unequal employment opportunities. The complaint was not resolved to the satisfaction of complainant, however after considering the evidence as revealed by the investigation, the committee believes it unfeasible that any additional conciliatory attempts be made.
- 2—Complaints of discrimination in employment. Both complaints were retracted before a complete investigation could be made.

Informal Complaints

- 1—Complaint of derogatory remarks made to an employee of a local place of business by a member of law enforcement authority.

- 1—Complaint from a citizen who was unable to secure an apartment after rent was paid.

Rev. Faiver at this time questioned whether it would be possible for the office to document all housing complaints received over the years to see if there is a pattern showing certain real estate brokers who are discriminating.

Communications

1. Letter of resignation received from Committee member, Rev. C. David Darling. Rev. Faiver made a motion that a letter be sent to Rev. Darling commending him for his fine contributions and efforts while serving on the committee. Motion was seconded by Rabbi Frankel and approved by the committee.
2. Letter from Wendell Gibson expressing his gratitude and thanks to the committee for the assistance in his re-instatement with the Lansing Fire Department.
3. Received a letter from Theodore J. M. Davenport, Jr. informing the committee that he was withdrawing his complaint and requesting that all the papers concerning his case be sent to him. After a discussion among the committee, it was their feeling that the withdrawal of his complaint be accepted and that just the papers originally belonging to Mr. Davenport be returned to him.
4. A letter was received from the Community Services Council requesting representatives from the Human Relations Committee for the Delegate Body of the Community Services Council. Names submitted as delegates were: Mr. Patrick Kelley and Mr. William R. Ford.
5. Letter sent to Mr. Walter Sowles, Director of the Capitol Area Economic Opportunity Office expressing the Director's concern in the discontinuation of the two drop-in centers.

6. Received a letter from the San Francisco Human Rights Commission which urged support for their resolution demanding that the federal government assume their responsibility for alleviating the problems of the cities and the poor by appropriating all the money necessary to solve these needs. Mrs. Davenport made a motion that the Human Relations Committee support the resolution. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dunning. A discussion followed which centered around the portion of the resolution referring to military expenditures. It was the opinion of the committee that the military needs of the country should not be included in a resolution of this type. Mrs. Davenport then amended her motion to comply with the discussion agreement. The resolution will be re-worded and submitted to the President and Congress of the United States and Representatives of the federal government. The motion was unanimously approved by the committee. Following is a copy of the resolution.

WHEREAS recent events in many of the large urban centers of our nation have dramatically drawn attention to the plight of the poor in this country; and

WHEREAS the cost of programs which are aimed at the solution of the problems facing cities and the poor is so great that their funding must come from the federal government;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Lansing Human Relations Committee call on the President and Congress of the United States to assign the necessary priority to the endeavors aimed at solving the cancerous problems of the poor and the cities by appropriating all of the funds needed for the alleviation and reserment of these crucial matters.

7. The Director received a copy of a letter sent to Councilman John Anas from Dr. Robert Green expressing his objection to the "Mock Riot."
8. Received an invitation to the open house of the Lansing Community Nursery to be held on Sunday, September 16, 1967.
9. Received a letter from Mr. Richard Lobenthal of the Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'Rith stating he had received a letter from Theodore Davenport, Jr. asking his assistance in the matter of his charges against the City of Lansing. Mr. Lobenthal requested information on this matter and questioned if ADL's involvement in the matter would be constructive. Rabbi Frankel and Mr. Kelley ordered that a letter be returned to Mr. Lobenthal stating the final report of the Employment Sub-Committee which was submitted to the Human Relations Committee of The Whole indicating that

they found no discrimination because of race in Mr. Davenport's case, and that they also requested the Human Relations Committee to dismiss the case.

REPORTS

Director's Report

The Director reported that once again he had been requested to assist on the State Civil Service Oral Examining Board for State Police applicants and that this week he had taken some of his vacation time to do this.

At this time, Rev. Faiver announced the appointments of the new subcommittee chairmen and members. They are as follows:

Employment Sub-Committee

1. Patrick Kelley, Chairman
2. John Haruska
3. Harold Cutler

Education and Recreation Sub-Committee

1. Philip J. Gannon, Chairman
2. Bernice Davenport
3. Rose Delapaz

Housing Sub-Committee

1. William R. Ford, Chairman
2. Rev. Kenneth L. Faiver
3. Stuart J. Dunning, Jr.

Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee

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2. Rabbi Philip Frankel
3. Hugo B. Lundberg, Jr.

The vacancy appears on the Research and Public Relations Sub-committee due to the resignation of Rev. C. David Darling. As yet an appointment has not been made to fill this vacancy.

Employment Sub-Committee

No report.

Housing Sub-Committee

A general discussion was held by the committee in regards to the revising of the Open Housing Ordinance which was submitted to the City Council in April,

1967. After City Council began studying the ordinance it was felt by Councilman Delmar Smith, that among other points in question, the ordinance should be revised to exclude religious or educational institutions as recommended by the Michigan Civil Rights Commission. It was recommended that a meeting be arranged between members of the housing sub-committee and Councilman Delmer Smith to discuss the necessary corrections on the ordinance.

Rev. Faiver then reported that he would be going to Milwaukee, Wisconsin to participate in the open housing demonstrations now going on there. Mr. Gannon made a motion to send a letter from the Lansing Human Relations Committee to the Mayor and Milwaukee Human Relations Commission supporting the Milwaukee Open Housing Ordinance. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dunnings and unanimously approved by the committee.

Education and Recreation Sub-Committee

Mr. Gannon reported that he had talked with Mr. John Marrs of the Lansing Board of Education to see about arranging a meeting between the Board of Education and the Human Relations Committee to review the study made by the Lansing Public Schools in 1964 in regards to the different types of programs offered. Mr. Marrs

will check with the committee in the near future to determine the best time and place for the meeting.

Mrs. Davenport read her written report giving ideas and suggestions to make Human Relations more meaningful to the people of Lansing.

Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee

No report.

Unfinished Business.

None.

New Business.

None.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JAN THOMPSON,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, October 12, 1967

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lundberg at 4:10 p.m.

ROLL CALL

Present: Cutler, Dramis, Davenport, Delapaz, Dunnings, Faiver, Haruska, Lundberg—8.

Absent: Frankel, Gannon, Kelley, Ford—4.

Visitors: Mr. Walter Sowles, Director of the Capital Area Office of Economic Opportunity and Mr. Demetrio Saenz from the Cristo Rey Community Center.

A motion was made by Rev. Faiver to accept as printed the minutes for the meetings of September 14, 1967, August 10, 1967 and a special meeting held on August 30, 1967. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dunnings, and approved by the committee.

PETITIONS

There were three (3) informal petitions for the period of September-October, 1967.

- 1—Call from the Acting Housing Director to examine an area of racial tension between two families, one in city leased housing.
- 1—Joint driveway complaint with racial overtones.
- 1—Question of hospital employment policies. This complaint is under examination.

At this time Mr. Walter Sowles, Director of the Capital Area Office of Economic Opportunity reported on the "Operation Cool Supportive Services," a project funded by the Federal Government, and the need for more community facilities. Mr. Sowles felt that the Committee would be interested in the establishment of neighborhood centers in the City of Lansing. Under Public Act No. 179, local government can now levy taxes for the operation of youth centers. Three points of eligibility to obtain a grant are that the centers be: (1)

Needed to carry out a program of health, recreational, social, or similar community service, (2) consistent with comprehensive planning for development of the area, and (3) located so as to be available to a significant proportion of the area's low or moderate income residents.

It was suggested that a resolution be sent to the Mayor and City Council requesting that help be obtained from Federal legislation to build centers, however Mr. Dunnings suggested that the Committee obtain more information from the Governor on the program before taking any action. The matter was referred to the Education and Recreation Sub-Committee for further study.

Chairman Lundberg reported on the "Operation Cool" meeting that was held on October 11, 1967.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter received from the Capital Area Office of Economic Opportunity regarding their support of the Open Housing Ordinance submitted by the Human Relations Committee.
2. Letter received from the Y.W.C.A. announcing a Family Bohemian to be held on Friday, October 13, 1967.
3. Received a letter from the Greater Lansing Chapter of the United Nations Association announcing United Nations Week, October 18-24, 1967. The Director reported that approximately 110 foreign students from Michigan State University would be touring the Capitol Building and the City Hall on October 24, 1967. Several members of the Junior Human Relations Board will escort them through City Hall and aid in serving refreshments to the visitors.
4. Letter in reply to the request made by the Anti-Defamation League of B'Nai B'Rith.
5. Letter received from Mr. Walter Sowles, Director of the Capital Area Office of Economic Opportunity, regarding financial support of federal funds to assist

in developing comprehensive community centers.

REPORTS

Director's Report

The Director reported that a report on the Detached Workers Program of the Lansing Human Relations Committee had been completed. Copies of the report were distributed to those committee members present.

It was reported also that 105 employment questionnaires were sent out to businesses that are members of the Downtown Business Association. The questionnaires were sent out on October 9, 1967 and to date, out of these, 26 have been completed and returned.

A report was made on the meeting held by the Highway Relocation Office on September 21, 1967. There are approximately 62 families living in the I-496 East Corridor. It was requested that the Director ask Mr. Flynn Wells of the Highway Department to send the Human Relations Committee copies of any letters, seven day quit notices, etc. sent to the families still living in the corridor.

The Director also reported that he and his assistant have still been supervising the roller skating on Wednesday nights and supervising the football games on Friday nights. A discussion was held as to the need for supervision at the skating rink.

Through the assistance of the Human Relations Committee a contribution of \$60.00 was made by Capitol Lodge No. 8 F. and A.M. to a person in need of financial aid for schooling and nurses training.

The Director announced that the 21st Annual Conference of the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials will be held November 14-17, 1967 in Detroit, Michigan. A recommendation was made by Mr. Haruska that the Director attend the N.A.I.R.O. conference, and if necessary have his assistant attend also. Approval was given by those committee members present.

In a meeting with the Hacker Realty officials on October 5, 1967 it was expressed that they would fully support the open

housing ordinance and would not honor any addendums.

Discussed the tour of housing sites to be used by the Housing Commission in the development of 100 individual housing units.

Employment Sub-Committee

No report.

Housing Sub-Committee

No report, however Rev. Faiver questioned as to when the Open Housing Ordinance for the City of Lansing will become effective. The date given was November 1, 1967—thirty days from the date of enactment.

Chairman Lundberg suggested that the sub-committee meet with the Lansing Board of Realtors to discuss the implementation of the Open Housing Ordinance.

Education and Recreation Sub-Committee

Two written reports were submitted by committee member, Mrs. Davenport.

Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

Meeting was adjourned at 5:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JAN THOMPSON,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, November 9, 1967

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lundberg at 4:10 p.m.

Prayer was offered by Rabbi Frankel.

ROLL CALL

Present: Cutler, Dunnings, Faiver, Frankel, Gannon, Kelley, Ford, Lundberg—8.

Absent: Davenport, Dramis, Delapaz, Haruska—4.

Visitors: Mrs. Zajac from the League of Women Voters and Mr. Demetrio Saez of Cristo Rey Community Center.

A motion was made by Rabbi Frankel and seconded by Mr. Ford to accept as printed the minutes of the October 12, 1967 meeting.

PETITIONS

There were (3) three informal and (2) written petitions for the period of October-November, 1967.

Written Complaints

1—Complaint of police abuse. This was discussed by the committee and it was decided that a meeting would be arranged between the members of the Research and Public Relations sub-committee and Chief Husby to discuss this complaint and previous complaints made against this same officer. Rev. Faiver questioned the pattern of police policies in regards to internal investigation on referred complaints. Chairman Lundberg stated that if the committee doesn't feel the Police Chief is making the right decision, perhaps a meeting could be arranged with the Police Board to discuss the matter.

1—Complaint by a citizen that her children had been thrown out of a store by the owner.

Informal Complaints

1—Complaint of harrassment by the Police Department.

1—Complaint from a woman who was unable to obtain funds for furniture from the Welfare Department.

1—Complaint from a citizen in regards to zoning request.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from the Human Relations Commission, City of Jackson requesting a copy of the Open Housing Ordinance for Lansing.
2. Letter of appreciation from Mr. John Haruska.
3. Letter from Assistant Director, Roger Quinn, requesting the approval of his impending resignation. Rabbi Frankel moved that the committee accept Mr. Quinn's resignation with regrets and that a letter be sent to Mr. Quinn stating same. Motion was seconded by Rev. Faiver and approved unanimously by the committee.
4. Letter from the Recreation Department, City of Lincoln Park, requesting attendance at a regional conference, November 14, 1967.
5. Letter of appreciation directed to the Assistant Director, Mr. Quinn, for services rendered.
6. Letter from the City of East Lansing urging the Human Relations Committee to support the State-Wide Open Housing Ordinance. Rev. Faiver moved that the Human Relations Committee send a letter to legislature supporting the ordinance and request the Mayor and City Council to do the same. Seconded by Mr. Ford and approved by the committee.
7. Letter from the Board of Education of Washington, D. C. regarding Dr. Manning.
8. Letter from the Providence Human Relations Commission announcing a staff opening for an Executive Director.
9. Letter from the Greater Lansing Legal Aid Bureau announcing the establish-

ment of a Committee on Group Alliances.

10. Letter and material from Mr. Walter Sowles, Director of the Capital Area Office of Economic Opportunity regarding the establishment of neighborhood youth centers in the City of Lansing. The material was turned over to Mr. Gannon, Chairman of the Education and Recreation Sub-Committee.
11. Letter from the Michigan House of Representatives urging the Committee's support on the House Bill No. 2035 (Fair Housing Act of 1967).
12. Letter from the City of Detroit's Commission on Community Relations requesting a financial contribution for the National Association of Inter-group Relations Officials conference.
13. Letter of appreciation from the City of Detroit Commission on Community Relations for the financial contribution sent for the N.A.I.R.O. conference.

REPORTS

Director's Report

The Director reported that he had met with two gentlemen from the Michigan Civil Rights Commission for examination of the Theodore Davenport, Jr. case.

As of this date, 68 of the 104 employment questionnaires sent out have been completed and returned.

The Youth Opportunity Center contacted the Director requesting applicants for youth employment. There are several job openings for youth between the ages of 16 and 21 years old.

The Director also reported on the "Jobs Available" project proposed by the Greater Lansing Chamber of Commerce.

A general discussion was held on a recent press release made by the Michigan Civil Rights Commission in which the local Human Relations Commissions and news media were charged of failing to do their share in furthering the cause of civil rights. A suggestion was made that a resolution be sent to the Civil Rights Commission on stating the Director's views on the press release however Mr. Gannon suggested that the committee meet with the Civil Rights Commission instead and request the full meaning of the press release. The Director commended the news media

for the fine job they had done this past summer in helping to prevent any civil disturbances. The committee suggested that the Director send a letter of commendation to a local radio station for the editorial of November 1, 1967 and also on other specific occasions.

Employment Sub-Committee

No report.

Housing Sub-Committee

A general discussion was held on the City Turnkey housing projects. A motion was made to send a resolution to the City Council stating that the Human Relations Committee supports the Turnkey project on Turner Street and the project on Grand River at Waverly Roads. Motion was approved unanimously by the committee.

Education and Recreation Sub-Committee

Mr. Gannon reported that he had met a couple of times with members of the Board of Education and spoke with Mr. John Marrs. A meeting will be arranged sometime the first part of 1968 for the Education and Recreation sub-committee to meet with Mr. Marrs to discuss different types of programs offered by the Board of Education.

Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee

No report.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 5:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JAN THOMPSON,
Secretary.

OFFICIAL PROCEEDINGS OF THE HUMAN RELATIONS COMMITTEE OF THE CITY OF LANSING

Proceedings, December 14, 1967

Meeting was called to order by Chairman Lundberg at 4:22 p.m.

Prayer was offered by Rabbi Frankel.

ROLL CALL

Present: Dramis, Delapaz, Dunnings, Faiver, Frankel, Kelley, Ford, Lundberg—8.

Absent: Cutler, Davenport, Gannon—3.

It was moved by Mr. Dunnings to accept as printed the minutes of the November 9, 1967 meeting. Seconded by Mr. Ford and approved by the committee.

PETITIONS

There were seven (7) petitions for the period of November-December, 1967 two (2) of which were written and five (5) informal complaints.

Written Complaints

- 1—Abusive treatment applied to an individual.
- 1—Complaint of unequal opportunity and release from employment. Complaint is still under investigation and a meeting has been arranged for December 18, 1967 between the Employment Sub-Committee and the supervisor of the place of employment.

Informal Complaints

- 2—Complaints of severance of employment.
- 1—Complaint of a landlord assessing a tenant for attempting to break a lease. Mr. Dunnings suggested the tenant contact their lawyer and Mr. Ford suggested that the tenant contact the Legal Aid Bureau.
- 1—Complaint of issuance of a traffic ticket and procedures used to misinform an individual of judicial rights.
- 1—Complaint from a tenant regarding his eviction.

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Letter from the National Educational Association extending an invitation to participate in a National Conference on Civil and Human Rights in Washington, D. C.
2. Letter from Potomac Institute, Inc. requesting a copy of our Open Housing Ordinance.
3. Letter from the Michigan Civil Rights Commission with an attached copy of the News Release with clarification of the Civil Rights Commission position regarding the Human Relations Agencies.
4. Letter requesting acceptance of resignation from committee member, John Haruska. Motion was made by Rabbi Frankel to send a letter to Mr. Haruska expressing the committees' regrets in regards to his resignation. The motion was seconded by Mr. Kelley and approved by the committee.
5. Letter from Mr. Robert Chamberlain of the Lansing School District regarding the City's Detached Worker Program.
6. Letter from Michigan Welfare League in appreciation of the Directors contribution to the 1967 Annual Conference.
7. Letter from Community Service Council of Metropolitan Indianapolis requesting information regarding local civil disorders during the past summer.
8. Letter from the Department of Labor, Michigan Employment Security Commission in regards to competitive examinations for minority group people.
9. Received a request from the Mayor for a progress report on the Human Relations Committee.
10. Letter from the Ingham County Mental Health Board extending an invitation to their annual meeting January 4, 1968.
11. Referral sent from the City Council regarding a request from a citizen for

the City to fund a program for the problems and conditions of the poor.

12. Received a copy of Staff Analysis of the proposed Housing sites from the Planning Department. It was requested that extra copies of the Housing sites be made available to members of the committee.
13. Letter sent to a local radio station commending them on an editorial of October 1, 1967.

REPORTS

Director's Report

The Director reported that he had attended the 21st Annual Conference of the National Association of Intergroup Relations Officials, November 14-18, 1967 in Detroit, Michigan. He then returned to participate in the Annual Conference of the Michigan Welfare League held at the Civic Center.

Also on one occasion the Director was summoned into court to appear as a character witness in support of the new Public Act No. 301—"Holmes Youthful Trainee Act." The Director then explained the Act to the committee.

The Director has appeared twice on a radio program and gave talks to three (3) church groups and two (2) service organizations.

In addition the Director served as an instructor on Human Relations in the Mid-Michigan Police Academy at two two-hour sessions, and also participated on the State Police Oral Examining Board for State Trooper applicants.

Employment Sub-Committee

The Director reviewed the backgrounds of ten applicants for Assistant Human Relations Director, and the matter was discussed among the committee members.

Rev. Faiver reported that the results of an employment survey made by the Ministerial Alliance would be disclosed at a meeting to be held on Saturday, December 16, 1967 at the Union Baptist Church. A recommendation was made by Rabbi Frankel to contact Rev. Gill of the Ministerial Alliance and acquire a copy of the survey findings for the evaluation by the committee. The recommendation was se-

conded by Mr. Dramis and approved by the committee.

Housing Sub-Committee

Discussed was the State Open Housing Ordinance now under consideration. Mr. Ford made a motion that the committee draft a resolution supporting the State Open Housing Ordinance and the Tenants Rights Package. Copies of the resolution are to be sent to the leaders of the House of Representatives and a copy to Mr. Hungerford. The motion was seconded by Mr. Dramis and approved unanimously by the committee.

Chairman Lundberg suggested that the Housing subcommittee set up a meeting with the Planning Board sometime between Christmas and New Years to discuss the future plans on zoning of areas.

Education and Recreation Sub-Committee

No report.

Research and Public Relations Sub-Committee

A discussion was again held on the police relations with minority group citizens. The committee felt a real need for a meeting with the Police Board and the Police Chief, Mr. Husby. Rev. Faiver thought another request should be made for a Civilian Review Board. Mr. Dramis is going to prepare a list of questions to be presented to the Police Board when a meeting is arranged.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None.

NEW BUSINESS

None.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

JAN THOMPSON,
Secretary.